

*[English]***Aviation Turbine Fuel**

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SHRIMATI KETAKI DEVI SINGH :
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SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is true that one of the reasons for the losses of Indian Airlines and also for the closure of several private airlines is that the Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) was not supplied to them at global prices;

(b) if so, the representation that has been received to this effect to provide ATF at global prices;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. It is true that the high cost of Air Turbine Fuel, which constitutes around 30% of operational cost, is a heavy burden on Indian Airlines and other Private airlines in India. Representations are being received from various domestic operators to provide Air Turbine Fuel (ATF) at cheaper rates, at par with international airlines.

(d) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

*[Translation]***Akashvani Kendras**

412. SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJBHAI
CHIKHALIA :
SHRIMATI PURNIMA VARMA :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Akashvani Kendras that have been functioning in the country at present, category-wise and state-wise;

(b) the names of these Akashvani Kendras which are technically ready but yet to start broadcasting programmes; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to broadcast programmes?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) There are 194 AIR Stations/Relay Centres functioning in the country. State-wise details of the stations are enclosed in the attached Statement.

(b) and (c) AIR Relay Centre with 1 KWMW Transmitter at Uttarkashi is the only station which is technically ready and is awaiting commissioning. It is expected to be commissioned during November, 1997 itself.

Statement*Existing A.I.R Stations with Power*

S.No.	State & Place	Power of the Transmitter	No. of AIR Stations in the State
1	2	3	4
ANDHRA PRADESH			12
1.	Hyderabad	50 KW MW 10 KW MW 50 KW MW 2X3 KW FM	(VB)
2.	Adilabad	1 KW MW (LRS)	
3.	Vijayawada	100 KW MW 1 KW MW	
4.	Vishakhapatnam	100 KW FW	
5.	Cuddagah	100 KW MW	
6.	Kotahagudam	2x3 KW FM	
7.	Warangal	2x5 MW FM	(LRS)
8.	Nizamabad	2x3 KW FM	(LRS)
9.	Tirupathi	3 KW FM	(LRS)
10.	Anantapur	2x3 KW FM	(LRS)
11.	Kurnool	2X3 KW FM	(LRS)
12.	Merkapuram	2X3 KW FM	(LRS)
ARUNACHAL PRADESH			4
13.	Passighat	10 KW MW	
14.	Tawang	10 KW MW	
15.	Tezu	10 KW MW	
16.	Itanagar	100 KW MW 50 KW SW	